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Microfluidic Device
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Serial No. 09/627,647; filed July 28, 2000

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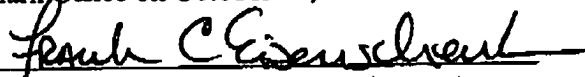
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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.133

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Sisson for the courtesy of the telephonic examiner interview conducted on September 22, 2004 with the undersigned in the above-referenced patent application. During this interview, the Examiner indicated that U.S. Patent No. 5,605,202 disclosed metal bars as a heating means. With respect to the last sentence in the Interview Summary, it is believed that this comment has been added for the benefit of Applicant as indicating the Examiner's position in view of the reference as no substantive discussions regarding the reference were undertaken. Rather, the undersigned had contacted the Examiner to ascertain the allowability of claims incorporating the "metal bar" limitation of, for example,

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claim 12 (a claim limitation admittedly not addressed in the current claim rejection of record, see Interview Summary mailed September 13, 2004).

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